

**I. List: 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups.”**

**(b) Synthetics allowed**

**II. Committee Summary:** The federal register notice regarding Sunset Review asked the public to provide evidence and address concerns for any substance they believed should be discontinued.

Of the many comments received recommending the continued allowance of chlorine materials in organic handling, there were no specific comments against the continuation of chlorine materials on the National List.

In addition the NOSB requested that a Technical Evaluation Report be conducted reviewing chlorine use in organic handling. The NOSB received this technical report dated January 6, 2006, which favorably answered the criteria questions for substances to be used in organic handling. This technical review did not indicate that there is any new information about chlorine materials since its original petition that would make it inconsistent with organic practices.

Based on the public comments from Sunset Review and the Technical Report, the Handling Committee recommends the continued use of the substance: **chlorine materials**.

Many comments were received recommending the continued allowance of lecithin-bleached. There were also comments opposed to the continuation of this substance. During the November NOSB meeting a manufacturer of organic lecithin announced that they could produce an organic bleached lecithin to meet the current organic market needs. As part of its due diligence, the Handling Committee contacted this manufacturer to verify the organic commercial availability of this substance. The manufacturer confirmed its availability as organic. Based on public comment that there is an organic alternative available to replace a synthetic on the National List, the HC is recommending not to renew: **lecithin-bleached**.

**III. Committee Recommendation(s):** The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substances in this use category as published in the final rule § 205.605(b):

**Chlorine materials - disinfecting and sanitizing food contact surfaces, Except, That, residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Calcium hypochlorite; Chlorine dioxide; and Sodium hypochlorite).**

The handling committee recommends deferring the vote on the following materials until further technical information is obtained. The materials to be deferred are:

None in this category

The handling committee recommends not renewing the following substances in this use category based on the submitted evaluation forms:

**Lecithin-bleached**

*Moved: Kevin O'Rell      Second: Andrea Caroe*  
*Committee vote: Yes: 5 No: 0   Abstain: 0*